

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

June 5, 2009 to July 3, 2009

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a federal action to determine if it is consistent with the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The act seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

Department of Defense/Department of the Army

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The U.S. Army at Fort Story proposes to construct an 805 linear foot stone breakwater along Atlantic Avenue, which is located adjacent to the Atlantic Ocean. The breakwater is intended to correct serious erosion issues that are threatening the stability of Atlantic Avenue and utilities and buildings adjacent to the road. Approximately 5,057 cubic yards of sand will be excavated prior to placing 2 layers of 1 to 3 ton armor stone for the breakwater. Access to the construction area will be provided at the east end of the site and will require grading of an access ramp. No clearing of vegetation or disruption of the existing dune system will be required for access.

A federal consistency determination has been submitted for this proposal which finds it consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program (VCP).

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's Central Office in Richmond.

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